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Re: Information Disclosure Statement  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/664,001  
Applicant: Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation  
Your Ref: 032590-071  
Our Ref: OSP-9780

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

We wish to report that we received an Office Action dated May 13, 2003, issued on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-278745, which corresponds to the above U.S. Patent Application. Please note that Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-278745 is a patent application which claims priority on Japanese Patent Applications Nos. Hei 11-263459 and Hei 11-283029 in the same manner as the above U.S. Patent Application.

We enclose copies of the Office Action and three cited references (WO 99/41863, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. Hei 10-200495 with an English abstract thereof, and Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. 2000-41024 with an English abstract thereof).

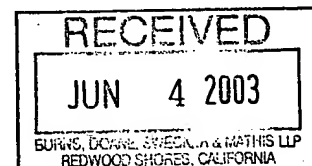
Although the due date of filing an Information Disclosure Statement is August 13, 2003, please file the Information Disclosure Statement at the USPTO by June 12, 2003, so as to expedite examination.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continuing assistance with this application.

Very truly yours,

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